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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 1153

FOR A/SY/OPS/T, FO AND SAS; ALSO FOR OC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC,AVCE
SUBJECT: HIRING OF FSL TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN

1. DUE TO HEAVY WORKLOAD IMPOSED ON ONE U.S. TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN ASSIGNED TO RCO NAIROBI, RCO HAS PROPOSED THAT A QUALIFIED LOCAL TELEPHONE REPAIRMAN BE HIRED UNDER P.I.T. POSITION TO ASSIST TELEPHONE TECH IN MAINTAINING MISSION TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND TO ACT AS INVENTORY/SHIPPING CLERK OF PHONE INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR RCO. PROPOSED FSL WOULD REQUIRE AS ESTIMATED SIX MONTHS TRAINING ON INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF 1A2 SYSTEM AND EPABX AND ONCE FULLY TRAINED WOULD BE ALLOWED UNESCORTED ACCESS TO FRAME ROOM AND SWITCHING UNITS. WORK ON TELEPHONE UNITS IN SENSITIVE AREAS WOULD BE PERFORMED BY CLEARED AMERICANS OR BY LOCAL TECHNICIAN UNDER ESCORT.

2. RSO HAS RAISED SERIOUS OBJECTION TO EMPLOYMENT OF FSL IN ABOVE CAPACITY. THIS INCLUDES DIFFICULTY OF NON-TECHNICAL, ALTHOUGH CLEARED, AMERICANS KEEPING INDIVIDUAL UNDER PROPER SURVEILLANCE AS WELL AS NON-SURVEILLED ACCESS TO SWITCHING UNITS, FRAME ROOM, TELEPHONE, TELETYPE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN FSL'S CAPACITY AS INSTALLER/REPAIRMAN AND INVENTORY/SHIPPING CLERK.

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3. RSO APPRECIATES THAT LOCAL PT&T PROVIDES SIMILAR SERVICE UNDER AMERICAN SURVEILLANCE AT MANY POSTS AND SUCH WORKMEN NOT SUBJECT TO RSO CERTIFICATION WHICH FSL WOULD BE. HOWEVER, KNOWLEDGE BY HOSTILE INTELLIGENCE THAT EMBASSY HAD A FULL-TIME LOCAL WITH ACCESS TO PHONE SYSTEM WOULD SEEM TO RSO TO BE OPEN INVITATION TO RECRUITMENT AND TO NEGATE MANY SECURITY MEASURES SY

AND OC PRESENTLY TAKING TO PROTECT INTEGRITY OF PHONE
SYSTEMS.

4. POST REQUESTS SY AND OC GUIDANCE WHETHER PENDING
DECISION TO HIRE THIS FSL TO ALLEVIATE BURDEN OF HEAVILY
COMMITTED RCO TELEPHONE TECH SHOULD BE OVERRULED BY
SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS RAISED BY RSO IN PARS 2 AND 3.

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